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Dear TPPB members and Alder Martin,

I want to express my support for the modifications to the BRT route being considered as item 8 in tonight's TPPB meeting, which would add dedicated center running sections to much of the route. The BRT should have dedicated lanes on as much of the route as possible in order to encourage the shift to transit commuting that we need to deal with climate change.

More specifically, I strongly support the proposed addition of dedicated median lanes along University Ave, which is near where I live in Aldermanic District 11. In addition to the general benefits of faster commuting, it would improve quality of life in the neighborhood if University Ave had a less highway-like feel with less space for cars.

I would also remind you that many of the riders along this section live in the very diverse and lower-income apartments near Sheboygan Ave which is one of the city's areas of highest ridership. Many of the car commutes along this route originate in the high-income suburbs to the west of the city. I believe that it would raise issues around systemic inequity if this section were left with mixed traffic to prioritize car commute speed while much of the rest of the route got dedicated lanes.

Sincerely,
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